

## Symmetric Left Bi-Derivations in Semiprime Rings

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**Abstract:** Let  $R$  be a 2-torsion free semiprime ring. Let  $D(.,.): R \times R \rightarrow R$  be a symmetric left bi-derivation such that if (i)  $xy \pm d(xy) = yx \pm d(yx)$ , for all  $x, y \in R$  and (ii)  $[x, y] - d(xy) + d(yx) \in Z(R)$  or  $[x, y] + d(xy) - d(yx) \in Z(R)$  for all  $x, y \in R$ , where  $d$  is a trace of  $D$ . Then both the cases of  $R$  is commutative.

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### I. Introduction

The concept of bi-derivation was introduced by Maksa[3]. It is shown in [4] that symmetric bi-derivations are related to general solution of some functional equations. Vukman[6], [7] has studied some results concerning symmetric bi-derivations in prime and semiprime rings. The study of centralizing and commuting mappings was initiated by a well known theorem due to Posner[5] which states that the existence of nonzero centralizing derivation on a prime ring  $R$  implies that  $R$  is commutative. Daif and Bell [2] proved that if a semiprime ring  $R$  admits a derivation  $d$  such that  $xy \pm d(xy) = yx \pm d(yx)$ , for all  $x, y \in R$ , then  $R$  is commutative. Ashraf [1] proved that commutativity of a ring  $R$  which admits a symmetric bi-derivation  $D(.,.): R \times R \rightarrow R$  such that (i)  $xy \pm d(xy) = yx \pm d(yx)$ , for all  $x, y \in R$  and (ii)  $[x, y] - d(xy) + d(yx) \in Z(R)$  or  $[x, y] + d(xy) - d(yx) \in Z(R)$  for all  $x, y \in R$ , where  $d$  is a trace of  $D$ . Then both the cases of  $R$  is commutative. In this paper we proved some results on symmetric left bi-derivations in semiprime rings.

Throughout this paper  $R$  will be an associative ring with center  $Z(R)$ . Recall that a ring  $R$  is prime if  $aRb = (0)$  implies that  $a = 0$  or  $b = 0$ , and is a semiprime if  $axa = 0$  implies  $a = 0$ . We shall write commutator  $[x, y]$  for  $xy - yx$  and use the identities  $[xy, z] = [x, z]y + x[y, z]$ ,  $[x, yz] = [x, y]z + y[x, z]$ . An additive mapping  $d: R \rightarrow R$  is called derivation if  $d(xy) = d(x)y + xd(y)$  holds for all  $x, y \in R$ . A mapping  $B(.,.): R \times R \rightarrow R$  is said to be symmetric if  $B(x, y) = B(y, x)$  holds for all  $x, y \in R$ . A mapping  $f: R \rightarrow R$  defined by  $f(x) = B(x, x)$ , where  $B(.,.): R \times R \rightarrow R$  is a symmetric mapping, is called a trace of  $B$ . It is obvious that, in case  $B(.,.): R \times R \rightarrow R$  is symmetric mapping which is also bi-additive (i. e. additive in both arguments) the trace of  $B$  satisfies the relation  $f(x + y) = f(x) + f(y) + 2B(x, y)$ , for all  $x, y \in R$ . We shall use also the fact that the trace of a symmetric bi-additive mapping is an even function. A symmetric bi-additive mapping  $D(.,.): R \times R \rightarrow R$  is called a symmetric bi-derivation if  $D(xy, z) = D(x, z)y + xD(y, z)$  is fulfilled for all  $x, y, z \in R$ . Obviously, in this case also the relation  $D(x, yz) = D(x, y)z + yD(x, z)$  for all  $x, y, z \in R$ . A symmetric bi-additive mapping  $D(.,.): R \times R \rightarrow R$  is called a symmetric left bi-derivation if  $D(xy, z) = xD(y, z) + yD(x, z)$  for all  $x, y, z \in R$ . Obviously, in this case also the relation  $D(x, yz) = yD(x, z) + zD(x, y)$  for all  $x, y, z \in R$ . A mapping  $f: R \rightarrow R$  is said to be commuting on  $R$  if  $[f(x), x] = 0$  holds for all  $x \in R$ . A mapping  $f: R \rightarrow R$  is said to be centralizing on  $R$  if  $[f(x), x] \in Z(R)$  is fulfilled for all  $x \in R$ . A ring  $R$  is said to be a  $n$ -torsion free if whenever  $na = 0$ , with  $a \in R$ , then  $a = 0$ , where  $n$  is nonzero integer.

**Theorem 1:** Let  $R$  be a 2-torsion free semiprime ring. Suppose that there exists a symmetric left bi-derivation  $D(.,.): R \times R \rightarrow R$  such that  $xy \pm d(xy) = yx \pm d(yx)$  for all  $x, y \in R$ , where  $d$  is a trace of  $D$ . Then  $R$  is commutative.

**Proof:** We have  $xy - d(xy) = yx - d(yx)$ , for all  $x, y \in R$ .

$$xy - yx = d(xy) - d(yx)$$

$$[x, y] = D(xy, xy) - D(yx, yx)$$

$$[x, y] = (xD(y, xy) + yD(x, xy)) - (yD(x, yx) + xD(y, yx))$$

$$[x, y] = (x^2D(y, y) + xyD(y, x) + yxD(x, y) + y^2D(x, x)) - (y^2D(x, x) + yxD(x, y) + xyD(y, x) + x^2D(y, y))$$

$$[x, y] = x^2d(y) + xyD(y, x) + yxD(x, y) + y^2d(x) - y^2d(x) - yxD(x, y) - xyD(y, x) - x^2d(y)$$

$[x, y] = 0$ , for all  $x, y \in R$ , and hence  $R$  is commutative.

Use the similar arguments if  $R$  satisfies the property  $xy + d(xy) = yx + d(yx)$ , for all  $x, y \in R$ , we can prove that  $R$  is commutative.  $\square$

**Theorem 2:** Let  $R$  be a 2-torsion free semiprime ring. Suppose that there exists a symmetric left bi-derivation  $D(.,.): R \times R \rightarrow R$  such that either  $[x, y] - d(xy) + d(yx) \in Z(R)$  or  $[x, y] + d(xy) - d(yx) \in Z(R)$  for all  $x, y \in R$ , where  $d$  is a trace of  $D$ . Then  $R$  is commutative.

**Proof:** We have  $[x, y] - d(xy) + d(yx) \in Z(R)$ , for all  $x, y \in R$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 & [x, y] - D(xy, xy) + D(yx, yx) \in Z(R) \\
 & [x, y] - (xD(y, xy) + yD(x, xy)) + (yD(x, yx) + xD(y, yx)) \in Z(R) \\
 & [x, y] - (x^2D(y, y) + xyD(y, x) + yxD(x, y) + y^2D(x, x)) + (y^2D(x, x) + yxD(x, y) + xyD(y, x) + x^2D(y, y)) \\
 & \quad \in Z(R) \\
 & [x, y] - x^2d(y) - xyD(y, x) - yxD(x, y) - y^2d(x) + y^2d(x) + yxD(x, y) + xyD(y, x) + x^2d(y) \in Z(R) \\
 & [x, y] \in Z(R), \text{ for all } x, y \in R. \tag{1}
 \end{aligned}$$

We replace  $y$  by  $yx$  in (1), we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 & [x, yx] \in Z(R) \\
 & y[x, x] + [x, y]x \in Z(R) \\
 & [x, y]x \in Z(R)
 \end{aligned}$$

$[x, y][x, r] = 0$ , for all  $x, y, r \in R$ .

We replace  $r$  by  $ry$  in (2), we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 & [x, y][x, ry] = 0 \\
 & [x, y]r[x, y] + [x, y][x, r]y = 0
 \end{aligned}$$

By using (2) in the above equation, we get

$$[x, y]r[x, y] = 0$$

By the semiprimeness of  $R$  the above equation gives that  $[x, y] = 0$  for all  $x, y \in R$ , and hence  $R$  is commutative.

Use the similar arguments if  $R$  satisfies the property  $[x, y] + d(xy) - d(yx) \in Z(R)$  we can prove that  $R$  is commutative. □

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